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To whom it may concern:

I am a published scholar on the history and regulation of communication technology.

I am writing to register my objection to the current proposed settlement in the Microsoft case. The Microsoft monopoly -- which is a byproduct of network externalities, not the quality of the company's software -- stifles innovation, pure and simple; start up companies can not get funded if they will compete with microsoft, innovative programs that conflict with Microsoft policies are marginalized, etc. The current proposed settlement does not get to the cause of the problem nor will it result in any substantial improvement.

There are many different possible remedies, but the current proposal is not one of them. I strongly urge you to reconsider the Justice Department's current stand on the issue.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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